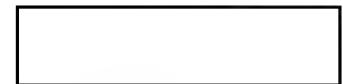


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DDCI Briefing of CIA Subcommittee of House
Appropriations Committee - 13 May 1966

1. The CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations conducted a budget hearing beginning at 9:00 a. m. and lasting until about 11:10. Present from the Subcommittee were:

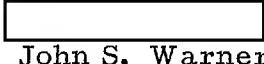
George H. Mahon, Chairman
Frank T. Bow
Glenard Lipscomb

From the staff:

Robert Michaels, Staff Assistant

From the Agency:

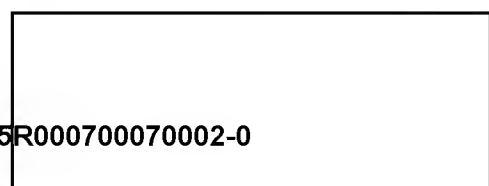
Richard Helms
Albert D. Wheelon
L. K. White
John Clarke

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There was no transcript taken. There was a technical sweep of the room prior to the hearing.

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2. Mr. Helms made an opening statement pointing out that he particularly wanted to emphasize the care given by the Agency to its essential function of objective estimates. He stressed that in making these important national estimates, the Agency is not beholden to any department or agency and is as objective as it is possible to be. He advised that this objectivity involved constant checks on the facts and judgments relating thereto. He mentioned as an example that he had just yesterday spent three hours with a Soviet defector discussing the Sino-Soviet rift to be certain of personal knowledge of another point of view of this important issue. He pointed out that both he and the Director spent the greatest portion of their time overviewing the estimating responsibilities of CIA.

3. Mr. Helms then turned the briefing over to Colonel White. Colonel White briefed for a full hour, without interruption, covering the entire Agency budget with various slides in accord with the attached briefing paper. While Colonel White did not give this verbatim, he did include all of the specific items of information. Colonel White added

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4. Mr. Helms then made a brief statement on R&D pointing out that there has been a concentrated effort to assure that all Agency R&D is directly in support of CIA missions and is not elsewhere duplicated. He pointed out that he and the Director had discussed this topic very thoroughly with Secretary McNamara who assured the Agency that he wished to take on no more R&D and certainly felt that CIA could do the small items of R&D for itself much better than could Defense. With that, Mr. Helms turned the R&D briefing over to Dr. Wheelon who briefed for approximately thirty minutes.

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Utilizing slides, he then discussed each of these basic programs, breaking them into their component parts and giving examples in each.

6. At the conclusion of the briefing (Dr. Wheelon's), Mr. Mahon stated it was the most interesting presentation he had ever heard. He queried Bow and Lipscomb if they had any questions which they answered in the negative.



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Remarks:

Per your conversation with me, I am attaching the memorandum for the record of the budget hearing before the Mahon Subcommittee on 13 May. Glancing at this, I am in agreement with your view that certainly you and Des FitzGerald would certainly be interested in certain parts of this. I will continue to do this on all future meetings except those which are purely substantive intelligence briefings which I assume you will not want.

Good
Thanks!

John S. Warner

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